

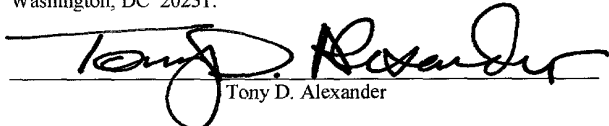
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For: **SURGICAL INSTRUMENT SEAL ASSEMBLY**

Application Elements:

- ☒ 20 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
☒ 7 Sheets of **informal** Drawings
☒ 2 Pages of Declaration (unsigned)

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
☒ Return Receipt Postcard
☒ Applicant claims Small Entity Status Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
☒ True Copy of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/434,608 as originally filed

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120) U.S. Application Serial No. 09/434,608, filed November 15, 1999. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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